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SUBJECT: JORDAN-SYRIAN MILITARY COOPERATION

1. AT RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 25, EAST GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE ASKED ME NUMBER OF QUESTIONS (WHICH I DODGED ON GROUNDS OF IGNORANCE OF FACTS AND LACK OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE) ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF RECENT SYRIAN-JORDANIAN AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE MILITARY PLANNING. EAST GERMAN PARTICULARLY WANTED TO KNOW IF THIS PORTENDED WORSENING IN JORDANIAN-IRAQI RELATIONS.

2. AT NORTH YEMEN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 26TH, I MENTIONED ABOVE APPROACH TO RECENTLY ARRIVED JORDANIAN MILITARY ATTACHE. HE WAS LAST POSTED IN ARIZONA AND IS HAVING DIFFICULT TIME ADJUSTING TO REPRESSIVE ATMOSPHERE OF BAGHDAD. HE SEEMED PLEASED BLOC APPEARED TO TAKE PACT SERIOUSLY. ADDED THAT GOI MINDEF PERSONNEL APPEAR GO OUT
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OF THEIR WAY MAKE HIS LIFE DIFFICULT AND SEEM TO BE ACTING

ON INSTRUCTIONS SHOW THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH RECENT IMPROVEMENT
IN JORDANIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS. HE DECLINED, HOWEVER, TO
BE DRAWN OUT ON LATTER SUBJECT. I NOTICED THAT JORDANIAN
WAS ONLY ONE OF MILITARY ATTACHES AT RECEPTION WHO DID NOT
MAKE A BEELINE FOR IRAQI ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF TO PAY THEIR
RESPECTS.
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